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Fort Worth District**

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## **New Commander Announced at Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District**

FORT WORTH, TX – Colonel John R. Minahan assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District, in a ceremony May 30 at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth.

Colonel Minahan succeeds Col. Gordon M. Wells, who has commanded the district since July 2000. Wells is completing an assignment in Iraq before retiring in Fort Worth.

Minahan will manage one of the Corps' largest military construction programs, which encompasses all design and construction on Army and Air Force installations in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. He will also supervise the operation and maintenance of the district's 25 lakes, which furnish 35 percent of the state's water supply and provide outdoor recreation opportunities for millions of visitors annually.

Minahan's last assignment was as the Combat Support Division Chief, Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate, PERSCOM in Alexandria, Va. From 1999 to 2001, he served as the Southwest Border Division Chief and the Engineer Division Chief in the Operations Directorate for Joint Task Force Six in El Paso, Texas. He commanded the 27<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (Corps Combat) (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina from 1997 to 1999. From 1996 to 1997, he served as the Executive Officer to the Chief of Engineers and from 1995 to 1996, he was a Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Army in the Pentagon. Other assignments include Executive Officer, Operations Officer and Assistant

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## **Local Corps welcomes new commander 2-2-2**

Division Engineer in the 65th Engineer Battalion, 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Staff Officer in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, and Joint Staff Intern on The Joint Staff in Washington, D.C.; and Commander of B Company, 27 Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Minahan graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1981 with a bachelor degree in science and was commissioned into the Corps of Engineers. He later earned his master degree in business administration from George Mason University and a master degree in strategic studies from the Army War College. He is a registered professional engineer from the state of Virginia.

Col. Minahan's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (seven awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, the Army Staff Identification Badge and Joint Staff Identification Badge, Master Parachutist Wings, and the Ranger Tab.

Col. Minahan and his wife, Nancy, have three sons: Jack, Keefe and Matthew.

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